

Food and Drug Administration Rockville MD 20857

March 1, 2001

Scott Wohlstein, President The Photronics Group P.O. Box 1190 Franklin, PA 16323

Dear Mr. Wohlstein:

Your petition requesting the Food and Drug Administration to grant an exemption and variance for OAR5, a high-speed, high data rate, laser-based fiberoptic transception system, intended for communications was received by this office on 02/28/01. It was assigned docket number 01P-0104/CP 1 and it was filed on 03/01/01. Please refer to this docket number in future correspondence on this subject with the Agency.

Please note that the acceptance of the petition for filing is a procedural matter in that it in no way reflects an agency decision on the substantive merits of the petition.

Sincerely,

Lyle D. Jáffe

Dockets Management Branch

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